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SUBJECT: UNSSOD PREPCOM V: BARTON GROUP PLENARY AND
DRAFTING GROUP MEETINGS, APRIL 12

1. BARTON GROUP MET MORNING OF APRIL 12 FOR DISCUSSION
OF PROGRESS IN THE THREE DRAFTING GROUPS ON DOCUMENTS FOR
THE SSOD. IN ADDITION, DECISION WAS TAKEN TO AGREE TO
BUREAU FOR SSOD COMPOSED OF TEN MEMBERS, INCLUDING
CHAIRMAN, EIGHT VICE CHAIRMEN, AND RAPPORTEUR.

2. PLENARY MET AT 3:00 PM. SWEDISH REP (THORSSON)
COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL (A/AC.187/
108) FOR CREATION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT ORGAN.
SHE STATED SUCH A BODY SHOULD BE "COMPLETELY INTEGRATED"
INTO THE UNITED NATIONS. SWEDEN BELIEVES THAT DUTCH
SUGGESTION THAT RELATIONSHIP OF THE NEW ORGAN WITH THE
UN "SEEMS DESIRABLE" IS TOO VAGUE. SWEDEN ALSO FAVORS
FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATION SATELLITE
AGENCY, NOTING THAT SUCH AN AGENCY ALSO SHOULD HAVE "THE
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CLOSEST POSSIBLE INTEGRATION WITH THE UN," IN ORDER TO
ESTABLISH "AN EFFECTIVE MULTILATERAL VERIFICATION BODY
WITHIN THE UN."

3. CHAIRMAN THEN TURNED TO ITEMS REQUIRING DECISIONS BY
PLENARY IN ORDER THAT PREPCOM MAY MAKE ITS FINAL RECOM-
MENDATIONS TO THE SSOD. IT WAS DECIDED TO RECOMMEND

ESTABLISHMENT OF TEN-MEMBER BUREAU TO THE SSOD. IT WAS FURTHER DECIDED TO RECOMMEND THAT FINAL DOCUMENT OF SSOD WOULD BE IN FORM OF SINGLE DOCUMENT WITH FOUR PARTS: (A) INTRODUCTION; (B) DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT; (C) PROGRAM OF ACTION, AND (D) MACHINERY FOR DISARMAMENT.

4. CHAIRMAN THEN INTRODUCED REPRESENTATIVE OF UN SECRETARIAT OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION (OPI) WHO PRESENTED REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH SSOD. OPI REP SAID HIS OFFICE HAD ALREADY REALLOCATED FUNDS TO EXTENT POSSIBLE AND HAD STILL COME UP SHORT IN ITS ABILITY TO PAY FOR FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES SUMMARIZED IN DOCUMENT A/AC.187/83, PAGE 5: (A) COST OF TRANSLATION AND REPRODUCTION OF INFORMATION ON SSOD IN A NUMBER OF UNOFFICIAL LANGUAGES (\$15,000); (B) SPECIAL PHOTO AND GRAPHIC EXHIBIT ON NEED FOR SSOD, UN ACTIVITIES IN DISARMAMENT, AND CONTINUING WORLDWIDE ARMS RACE (\$2,000); (C) COST OF PRODUCING COLOR POSTER ON SSOD IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES (\$6,000 TO 12,000); (D) PUBLICATION OF SPECIAL POST-SESSION BROCHURE (\$26,000); AND (E) REPRODUCTION OF SETS OF DISARMAMENT RELATED PHOTOGRAPHS FOR USE BY UN INFORMATION CENTERS (\$5,000).

5. AUSTRALIA AND ITALY SUPPORTED THESE REQUESTS. POLAND AND USSR, HOWEVER, RAISED QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER OPI HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADEQUATELY ASSESSED ITS OTHER ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO DIVERT FUNDING APPROVED FOR LESS IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES TO PUBLICIZE SSOD. POLISH REP ALSO POINTED OUT THAT \$54,800 APPROVED BY 32ND UNGA FOR OPI IN CONNECTION WITH SSOD ACTIVITIES HAD GONE INTO PROPOSED INCREASES IN OPI STAFF FOR SSOD. HE ARGUED THAT AT LEAST HALF OF THESE FUNDS SHOULD GO INTO "ACTIVITIES" RATHER THAN ADDITIONAL STAFF. FINALLY, BOTH REPS SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THESE REQUESTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY ACABQ WHICH NOW MEETING ON OTHER MATTERS IN NEW YORK.

6. CHAIR SUMMARIZED DISCUSSION BY SAYING IT APPEARED A DECISION WAS THEREFORE POSSIBLE ON ONE OF THREE ALTERNATIVES: (A) ENDORSE ALL FUNDS REQUESTED (\$54,000 - \$60,000); (B) RECOMMEND NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND NOT CARRY OUT ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES; OR (C) RECOMMEND OPI TRY TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES BY REALLOCATING FUNDS FROM OTHER SOURCES AND ACTIVITIES.

7. USREP INDICATED THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD HAVE TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS, AND REQUESTED THAT SECRETARIAT PREPARE INFORMATION PAPER OUTLINING RATIONALE FOR OPI REQUESTS

AND REASONS FUNDS CANNOT BE FOUND IN CURRENT OPI BUDGET, AS WELL AS RELEVANT INFORMATION ON WHETHER PREPCOM HAD AUTHORITY TO RECOMMEND SUCH INCREASES, OR WHETHER, ON OTHER HAND, ACABQ WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS. U.S. INTERVENTION WAS SUPPORTED BY CANADA AND ITALY.

8. MACHINERY GROUP

MACHINERY DRAFTING GROUP DISCUSSED ROLE OF UN IN DISARMAMENT, FUTURE REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS OF SSOD I, FUTURE SSOD'S, FRENCH PROPOSAL ON DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING BODY, GROUP OF FIFTEEN PAPER ON CCD ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES (A/AC.187/107, SUBMITTED IN GENEVA AS CCD/563, AND CCD/UN LINK. GROUP WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING BODY ON
APRIL 13.

9. PROGRAM OF ACTION DRAFTING GROUP

AT THE MORNING SESSION, THE GROUP CONTINUED ITS DISCUSSION ON NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONES. A REVISED VERSION OF THE TEXT TRANSMITTED IN USUN 1337 WAS DEVELOPED. THIS TEXT INCLUDES A NEW BRACKETED SECTION ON UNDERTAKINGS BY NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES REGARDING THESE ZONES, A NEW SECTION WITH BRACKETED LANGUAGE RE THE MIDDLE EAST AS WELL AS CONTINUED INCLUSION OF THE BRACKETED TEXT INTRODUCED BY IRAN ON REGIONAL COOPERATION RE PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ENERGY. THIS TEXT HAS BEEN DATAFAXED TO MACUK IO/UNP. IN THE AFTERNOON, THE GROUP DISCUSSED NON-PROLIFERATION ON THE BASIS OF THE UK TEXT TRANSMITTED IN USUN 1378 AND A NEW NON-ALIGNED TEXT. A REVISED VERSION OF THESE PAPERS, TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE GROUP ON APRIL 13 AM, WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP INTRODUCED LANGUAGE CALLING ON THE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDERTAKE TO STOP THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND ACHIEVE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP ALSO OUTLINED ITS RESERVATIONS RE THE NPT AND LEFT PROBLEMATIC THE POSSIBILITY OF ITS AGREEMENT TO LANGUAGE IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION RE UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO THE NPT.

10. ACTION REQUESTED; USDEL WILL TRANSMIT SECRETARIAT FORTHCOMING INFORMATION PAPER ON BUDGETARY REQUESTS FOR OPI AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON REQUESTED SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING AS SOON AS DEPARTMENT HAS CONSIDERED SECRETARIAT PAPER. LEONARD

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